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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the final Office Action dated June 25, 2008, for which a response was due on September 25, 2008. A petition for a one-month extension of time is attached, thereby extending the period for reply to October 27, 2008. This response is submitted with a request for continued examination. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.